

Hawaii Island and Activity Information

Below is information compiled by our Hawaii Chapter regarding the different islands and activities available to our wish families. Wish children can choose one island and we will plan 1-3 activities based on the essence of the child's wish. We will not automatically plan a luau, so if your wish child is interested in attending a luau, it will be one of the 1-3 activities we plan. Please make sure that specific reasons for why your wish child is wishing to travel to Hawaii, including possible activities, are listed on the Wish Info Page.

Oahu

Island Highlights

- 1) Oahu is definitely more of a quick paced island and there is a lot more going on.
- 2) Oahu has the best surf lesson vendor in the entire state of Hawaii. If your wish child wants to surf, Oahu is the place to be.
- 3) While on Oahu families will stay in Waikiki.
- 4) Oahu has a lot of sandy beaches and restaurants to satisfy everyone in the family.

Activities that can be arranged:

Helicopter Tours

Luau's

Whale Watching (December thru April)

- Polynesian Cultural Center with luau

Kualoa Ranch

- Horseback riding
- ATV rides
- Movie set tour
- Secret island

Golfing

Horseback Riding

Sport fishing

Sea Life Park (see last page for more info)

Dinner Cruises

Submarine Rides

- Must be 36 inches tall & able to climb up a ladder unassisted

Surf Lessons

Glass Bottom Boat Ride

Jet Ski or parasail

Dolphin Encounter (see last page for more info)

The following are free or a minimal cost so they are easy to do on your own:

Hanauma Bay (snorkeling)

Pearl Harbor (Arizona Memorial & Battleship Missouri)

Hula Shows

Honolulu Zoo

Waikiki Aquarium

Diamond Head (hiking)

Bishop Museum

Iolani Palace

MAUI

Island Highlights

- 1) Maui has the most and best beach front properties
- 2) The best snorkeling
- 3) Not crowded like Waikiki, but still a lot to do.
- 4) Rainforest & Dormant Volcano (not active)
- 5) Very Lush

Activities that can be arranged

Mountain Biking
Maui Ocean Center
Whale Watching (December thru April)
Snorkeling
Sailing Tours
Parasailing & Jet Ski (not available during whale watch season)
Horseback Riding
Submarine Tours
Sport Fishing Charters
Luaus
Surf lessons
Golfing
Kayaking
Helicopter Tours
ATV rides
Zipline

The following are free or a minimal cost so they are easy to do on your own

Lahaina Town
Haleakala
Hana Town
Wailua Falls
Seven Sacred Pools
Maui tropical Plantation

HAWAII (BIG ISLAND)

Island Highlights

- 1) The only island with an active volcano.
- 2) The best deep sea fishing (sport)
- 3) Not a lot of sandy beaches, but the ones that they have are beautiful.
- 4) Not heavily populated, very slow pace.

Activities that can be arranged

Helicopter Tours
Luaus
Golfing
Horseback Riding
Snorkeling Tours
Parasailing
Whale Watching
Deep Sea Fishing (Sport)
Submarine Rides
Kayaking

HMV tours
Dolphin Encounter (see last page for more info)
Zipline

The following are free or a minimal cost so they are easy to do on your own

Parker Ranch
Black Sand Beach
Volcanoes National Park (active volcano)
Rainforest
Very Lush
Quiet and peaceful
Akaka Falls State Park

KAUAI

Island Highlights

- 1) Very small island, quiet, not heavily populated
- 2) More of an older crowd
- 3) Beautiful and Lush (the colors are vibrant)
- 4) Great Island for relaxing

Activities that can be arranged

Helicopter tours
Snorkeling
Surfing & Paddle Boarding
Deep Sea Fishing
Hiking tours
Horseback riding
Luau
Kayaking
Golfing
Fishing
ATV rides
Zipline
Tubing in a Drainage Canal

GUIDELINES FOR ALL ACTIVITIES ON EACH ISLAND

Horseback Riding

All vendors have a minimum age limit and maximum weight limit.

Most vendors have a minimum age limit of 9 years old and a maximum weight limit of 185 lbs to 220 lbs, due to the horse's health no exceptions are made & participants will be weight upon arrival to the ranch/stable.

Helicopter Tours

All helicopter tours have weight restrictions. Most vendors have a maximum weight limit of 235 lbs to 240 lbs depending on the vendor. If a customer exceeds the weight limit the chapter will need to pay for 1 1/2 seats to accommodate the passenger. Upon arrival to the helicopter office everyone will be weighed to make sure everyone meets the weight restrictions....this is done to ensure the safety of everyone on board.

DOLPHIN ENCOUNTER REQUESTS

NOTE: There are no dolphin encounters on Maui or Kauai

Oahu

MAW children have 2 opportunities to choose from; Dolphin Quest & Sea Life Park.

Dolphin Quest - The Dolphin Encounter at the Kahala Mandarin gives the wish child a private opportunity to interact with a dolphin in the lagoon. During the interaction the wish child is in the water with a trainer. This encounter does not include a Dorsal Pull (Dolphin Quest does **NOT** provide that opportunity to anyone). This interaction lasts approximately 10-15 minutes long. The minimum age requirement is 6 yrs. Note: this is for the wish child only. The wish family will be able to watch, but will not be in the water.

Sea Life Park - There are 2 different types of interactions available at Sea Life Park. Wish participants will be with the general public. Make-A-Wish children do not get private encounters....you will be with other "paying" customers. We can arrange for additional family members to participate in the dolphin activities at Sea Life Park, so it doesn't have to be for the wish child only – that is up to the wish family. (SLP is very stringent so you must answer yes to all question in the questionnaire we send you during the Wish Assist Breakdown.) **DOLPHIN ADVENTURE**: This program offers an in-depth interaction with the animals. Participants will enter the dolphin's environment during a deep water encounter and learn about dolphin anatomy, physiology, training and conservation. Experience a personal training lesson with Sea Life Park trainers and have a chance to view the dolphins underwater and up close with their "dive masks!" Depending on the mood of the dolphin this interaction will include 1 dorsal fin pull. Participants must be 13 years or older, able to get in and out of the water, swim on their own in 18 feet deep water, and must be in good physical condition. Pregnant women are advised not to participate.

On the Big Island (Hawaii)

Dolphin Quest is the only option for a dolphin encounter. The description is the same as the dolphin encounter on Oahu. It is for the wish child only.